GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

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KIRLOSKAR PNEUMATICS FOR ROAD RAILERS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways have signed any MoU with Kirloskar Pneumatics for road-railers;

(b) if so, the details of the agreement; and

(c) the extent to which Railways is likely to be benefited through this agreement ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

(a) Yes, Sir. A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) has been signed between Ministry of Railways and M/s Kirloskar Pneumatic Company Limited (KPCL) on 19.07.2007 for running of RoadRailer (RR) train initially on Delhi- Chennai sector as a pilot project.

(b) No agreement has yet been signed for this purpose. However, as per the MoU, Indian Railways (IR) will provide line haul service with its locomotives to operate RR Trains. M/s KPCL will operate inter modal freight service with RoadRailer equipment. This would cover freight consolidation/collection of freight on road, long distance line haul between end points on rail and delivery of freight on road. M/s KPCL will provide all necessary equipment including RoadRailer units for the inter modal operation and will be responsible for marketing, freight consolidation, collection and delivery of freight on road, coupling and de-coupling of RoadRailer units at terminal.

(c) IR will be benefited by way of attracting light weight, high value, white goods traffic which generally moves by road, increase in pool of rolling stock with new versatile multi- modal wagons. Such wagons which move both on rail as well as road are presently not available with IR. Through this pilot project IR can judge the efficacy of such wagons.